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'MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, BRASILIA, FEBRUARY 21, 1976.

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MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY,
AMBASSADOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, OF THE MANY INTERNATIONAL
UNDERTAKINGS THAT I HAVE SIGNED AS SECRETARY OF
STATE, NONE HAS GIVEN ME GREATER PLEASURE THAN THIS
AGREEMENT TODAY WHICH MY VERY GOOD FRIEND ANTONIO AND I HAVE BEEN
DISCUSSING FOR TWO YEARS. IN THE CHARMINGLY PERSISTENT AND
CONCILLIATORILY CLEAR MANNER OF BRAZILIAN DIPLOMACY, ANTONIO HAS
INSISTED TO ME IN THE TWO YEARS THAT I HAVE KNOWN HIM THAT THE
UNITED STATES MUST PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO LATIN AMERICA AND
ALSO THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE UNITED STATES CAN
BE OF VERY GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE PEACE AND PROGRESS OF THE
ENTIRE WORLD.
WE SHARE THE SENTIMENT BECAUSE IN THE WORLD TODAY WE HAVE THE
PROBLEM OF HOW TO PREVENT CONFLICT AND WE HAVE THE PROBLEM OF HOW
TO BRING ABOUT PROGRESS. AND IT IS IMPORTANT WHETHER THEY WILL
BE SOLVED BY THOSE WHO RESPECT THE INDIVIDUAL AND WHO BASE THEIR
POLITICIES ON CONCERNS FOR THE HUMAN PERSONALITY OR WHETHER THEY
WILL BE SOLVED BY THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN IMPERSONAL FORCES AND WHO
CARRY OUT THEIR PROGRAMS WITHOUT LOVE AND WITHOUT HATRED -- SIMPLY
IN PURSUANCE OF AN ABSTRACT BUREACRATIC CONCEPTION.
THERE IS NO COUNTRY IN WHICH HUMAN QUALITIES ARE MORE PRONOUNCED,
IN WHICH THE HUMAN PERSONALITY IS MORE EXPRESSSIVE THAN THIS GREAT
COUNTRY TPAT I HAVE HAD THE HONOR TOVISITFOR THE LAST FEW DAYS.
AND THERE ARE NO TWO PEOPLES WHOSE CONCERN FOR HUMAN DIGNITY
AND FOR THE BASIC VALUES OF MAN IS MORE PROFOUND IN THE DAY-TO-DAY
LIVES OF THEIR PEOPLE THAN BRAZIL AND THE UNITED STATES. SO WHAT
WE ARE COMMITTING OURSELVES TO IS NOT JUST TO A SERIES OF TECHNICAL
UNDERSTANDINGS BUT TO AN EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN THE INDIVIDUAL
HUMAN SPIRIT.
IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL AND IN THE
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA, THERE HAVE
OFTEN BEEN HIGH-SOUNDING DECLARATIONS. WE ARE DETERMINED THAT
THIS DOCUMENT WHICH WE HAVE SIGNED TODAY SHALL BE PUT INTO IMMEDIATE
PRACTICE. ITS TEST WILL BE WHETHER IN THE MONTHS AHEAD WE CAN
MAKE CONCRETE PROGRESS ON THE SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT CONCERN OUR
PEOPLE, THE HEMISPHERE AND THE WORLD.
THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS ALREADY REFERRED TO SOME OF THE GROUPS
THAT ARE ALREADY IN EXISTENCE. WE HAVE DECIDED YESTERDAY TO FORM
IMMEDIATELY ANOTHER GROUP DEALING WITH ENERGY AND A SECOND ONE
DEALING WITH SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. MINISTER UEKI
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AND SOME EXPERTS HAVE KINDLY ACCEPTED OUR INVIATION TO VISIT
WASHINGTON IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS A VERY BROAD AGENDA.
SECRETARY SIMON IS COMING HERE THIS SPRING AND WE ARE PLANNING
A MEETING OF THE OVERALL COMMISSION BEFORE TOO MANY MONTHS HAVE
PASSED.
I'M EXTEMELY SATISFIED WITH THE TALKS WE HAVE HAD HERE WHICH
COVER THE INTIRE RANGE OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS, WITH SPECIAL
EMPHASIS TO THE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR

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OUR COUNTRIES, FOR THE HEMISPHERE AND IN A LOCAL FRAMEWORK.
WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE IS NOT AN EXLUSIVE ARRANGEMENT, BUT
SOMETHING THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO DO, EACH OF US WITH OTHER
NATIONS OF SIMILAR OBJECTIVES AS WELL.
I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY MOVED, MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, NOT ONLY BY
THE EXTRAORDINARILY TECHNICAL COMPETENCE OF MY COUNTERPARTS.....
HERE BECAUSE I HAVE BECOME USED TO THAT, BUT BY THE FIRENDSHIP
MATTER-OF-FACTNESS, ABSENCE OF COMPLEXES AND EXTRAORDINARY HUMAN
BONDS WITH WHICH ALL CONVERSATIONS FROM A PRESIDENT ON HAVE BEEN
DISCUSSED AND CONDUCTED. SO WE LEAVE HERE NOT SIMPLY WITH A
POLITICAL DETERMINATION THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP SHALL BE DEEPENED,
BUT WITH A HUMAN NECESSITY THAT THESE CONTACTS WILL GROW MORE
AND MORE PROFOUND. A GREAT DEAL OF THE CREDIT FOR THIS BELONGS
TO THE PERSISTENCE, SUBTLETY AND CHARM OF MY FRIEND AND COLLEGUE,
THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO MAKES HIS APPROACHES TO US
SEEM SO PAINLESS THAT I TOLD HIM YESTERDAY OUR DISCUSSIONS TEND
TO REDUCE THEMSELVES TO THE RATE AT WHICH WE YIELD TO HIS
PROPOSALS. BUT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT I LEAVE BRASILIA WITH THE
WARMEST OF FEELINGS, THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO FREQUENT AND REGULAR
CONTACTS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND WITH HIS COLLEAGUES.
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES OF THIS SIZE, ONE OF WHICH IS GROWING WITH
ENORMOUS RAPIDITY, DIFFERENCES ARE FROM TIME TO TIME ABSOLUTELY
INEVITABLE. THIS DOCUMENT WILL NOT REMOVE THE DIFFERENCES, BUT
IT WILL STRENGTHEN OUR DETERMINATION THAT THEY WILL BE OVERCOME
WITH THE ATTITUDE THAT OUR FRIENDSHIP AND OUR SHARED OBJECTIVES
MUST ALWAYS GUIDE OUR DECISIONS IN SPECIFIC CASES. THIS IS THE
DETERMINATION WITH WHICH I RETURN TO WASINGTON AND WE HAVE
REAFFIRMED IT TO OURSELVES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SINCE MY ARRIVAL
HERE. IT REMAINS FOR ME ONLY TO THANK THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL,
MY FRIENDS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL, FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH
THE TALKS HAVE BEEN PREPARED, FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY KINDNESSES
THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO US AND FOR THE GREAT HUMAN WARMTH SO
CHARACTERISTIC OF BRAZIL BUT ALSO SO PARTICULAR TO OUR FRIENDSHIP.
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